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[redacted] William Berg, in the office of Senator Wayne Morse, called to say that he did not want to get into classified matters, however, he had received an inquiry from the University of Oregon which he felt obliged to answer today. The University is planning to send a group of students abroad. It has learned that the student group has received some financial support from the Sperry and Hutchinson Foundation and they wish to know whether these funds originated in the Agency. After talking with

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[redacted] and Colonel White, I advised Berg that, on the basis of a quick check (the request coming in at 4:15 P.M.), we had no record of any contact with this organization. Berg thanked me for responding quickly and said he proposed to advise the University of Oregon that the Foundation was not on any list which they had seen nor was the Senate Foreign Relations Committee aware of any connection with this group and, therefore, his best information was that there was no involvement. I thanked Mr. Berg for his understanding in the matter.

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[redacted] Mr. Martin Frost, Congressional Quarterly staff, called to say that CQ was preparing a list of foundations which had been acting solely for the Agency as opposed to those which had only received support from us. He questioned whether we could provide him with such a list. I told Mr. Frost that, while I would like to be of assistance to him, there had been no official confirmation of Agency support of any organization other than the National Student Association which, as he knew, had been confirmed by the Department of State, that other allegations concerning Agency support of specific organizations were a matter of press speculation. I told him that I was not in a position to be of any assistance to him in this regard. Mr. Frost said that he accepted my response but, in the absence of any assistance, their publication could only make a tabulation of those organizations which had been listed in the press. I did not quarrel with the wisdom of Mr. Frost's plans but reiterated that I could not be of any assistance to him.

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[redacted] By way of follow up to a conversation between the Director and Chairman Mahon, I met with Bob Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, and gave him a copy of the SUNDAY STAR editorial of 19 February on the NSA matter and offered to brief either Michaels or Mahon on the background of the situation regarding [redacted] and his staff. Michaels said that Mahon felt Mr. Helms had given him sufficient information on the subject and he required nothing further at this time. (We had previously briefed Michaels on the [redacted] situation.) He thanked me for making the editorial available.

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